

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By Vice Chairman Gordon R. Hendrick, on February 8, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Robyn Driscoll, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)
Rep. Gary Branae (D)
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)
Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Rick Jore (C)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Roger Koopman (R)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)
Rep. John Ward (R)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Mike Milburn, Chairman (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 398, 2/1/2007; HB 450, 2/1/2007;
Executive Action:

00:02:29 Rep. Branae assumed the position of Chairman

HEARING ON HB 398

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:51 Rep. Gordon Hendrick (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on
HB 398, Restrict access to certain big game licenses.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:51 Rep. Rick Ripley, HD 17

00:09:11 Louie Bouma, Lincoln resident

[EXHIBIT\(fih28a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih28a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih28a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:12:42 Edward J. Hebbe, III, Deer Lodge resident

00:15:21 Mike Murphy, representing self and family

00:17:01 Jim Manning

00:19:34 Scott Chehock, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:21:32 Mary Ellen Schnur, Chair, Montana Outfitters & Guides
Association, Fish & Wildlife Committee

[EXHIBIT\(fih28a04\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

00:23:22 Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife & Parks

[EXHIBIT\(fih28a05\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:45 Rep. Hilbert

00:26:28 Rep. Koopman

00:27:42 Jeff Hagener

00:28:32 Rep. Vincent

00:29:48 Rep. Peterson

00:31:42 Jeff Hagener

00:35:20 Rep. Hendrick

00:36:48 Rep. Vincent

00:38:39 Rep. Becker

00:40:08 Rep. Peterson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:34 Rep. Gordon Hendrick

00:43:24 Rep. Hendrick assumed the position of Chairman

HEARING ON HB 450

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:43:44 Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 450, Partial social security numbers for recreational license applications contingent on federal approval.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:48:21 Hal Harper, representing Office of the Governor

00:50:11 Amy Pfeifer, Attorney, Child Enforcement Division,
Department of Health and Human Services

00:56:36 Jeff Hagener

[EXHIBIT\(fih28a06\)](#)

00:57:22 Scott Chehock, Conservation Director, Montana Wildlife
Federation

00:57:47 Keith Allen, representing self

00:58:44 Jim Manning

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:01:13 Rep. Becker

01:04:46 Rep. Jore

01:12:13 Rep. Peterson

01:13:28 Rep. Koopman

01:18:32 Amy Pfeifer

Closing by Sponsor:

01:19:26 Rep. JP Pomnichowski

01:21:14 Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife & Parks

[EXHIBIT\(fih28a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih28a08\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:25 P.M.

REP. MIKE MILBURN, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fih28aad.pdf](#))